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**NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

Michael F. Easley, Governor

James T. Fain, III, Secretary

September 9, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
Room TW-204B
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: CC Docket 96-45 and 00-256 ✓
Certification Under 47 U.S.C. 254(e)
(NCUC Docket No. P-100, Sub 133n)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority (NCREA) hereby submits its certification in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 54.314. This section of the Commission's rules requires state certification in order to allow rural incumbent local exchange carriers, or eligible telecommunications carriers in rural service areas, to receive federal high-cost support.

As required by 47 C.F.R. 54.314, the NCREA certifies that Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation, Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation, Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, Star Telephone Membership Corporation, Surry Telephone Membership Corporation, Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation, Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation and Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation are eligible to receive "hold harmless" federal support during the period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. The NCREA further certifies that these Companies will use such federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of the facilities and service for which the support is intended.

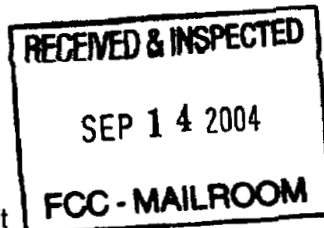
Sincerely,

T. Scott Poole
Administrator
North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority

Attachments (9)

cc: Office of Administrator
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

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Percy Woodard, Being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is General Manager for Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 19th day of August 2004

ATLANTIC TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

BY: Percy Woodard
General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

I, Teresa Bennett, a Notary Public, hereby certify that Percy Woodward, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 19th day of August 2004.

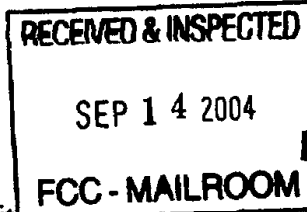
Teresa Bennett
Notary Public

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My commission expires: 6-14-2006

North Carolina

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Elbert R. Perrell, being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is General Manager for Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with federal high cost support to be received by Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 31 day of August 2004.

PIEDMONT TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By: Elbert R. Perrell
General Manager

North Carolina

Acknowledgement

Davidson County

I, Wanda H. Byerly, a Notary Public hereby certify that Elbert R. Perrell, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 31 day of August 2004.

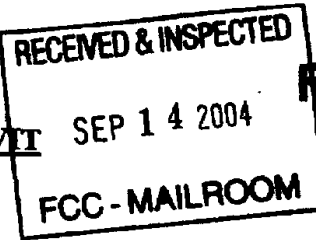


Wanda H. Byerly
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4-10-2006

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RANDOLPH

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Steve A. Cox, who deposed and said:

1. My name is Steve A. Cox. I am employed by Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation as its General Manager. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
2. Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2005 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

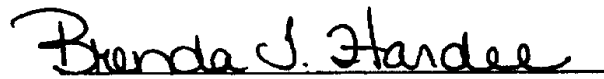
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Name

General Manager
Title

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RANDOLPH

Acknowledged before me this 16th day of July, 2004 by Steve A. Cox, as General Manager of Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation, who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

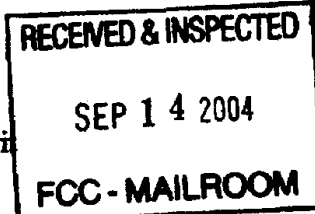

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My commission expires March 30, 2007.

North Carolina

Ashe County

Affidavit



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John R. Dixon, being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is Chief Executive Officer for Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation, and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 16th day of August 2004

SKYLINE TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By:

Chief Executive Officer

NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

ASHE COUNTY

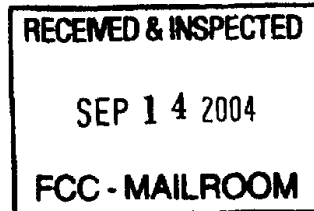
I, Pamela Tribble Weaver, a Notary Public hereby certify that John R. Dixon, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is Chief Executive Officer of Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 16th day of August, 2004.

Notary Public

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My commission expires: July 24, 2006

North Carolina
Sampson County



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Lyman M. Horne, Jr., being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is Executive Vice President and General Manager of Star Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation, and he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Star Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 17th day of August 2004.

STAR TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By: *Lyman M. Horne, Jr.*
Executive Vice President and General Manager

North Carolina

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Sampson County

I, *Francis P. Carr*, a Notary Public hereby certify that Lyman M. Horne, Jr. after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Star Telephone Membership, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Star Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 17th day of August 2004.

Francis P. Carr
Notary Public

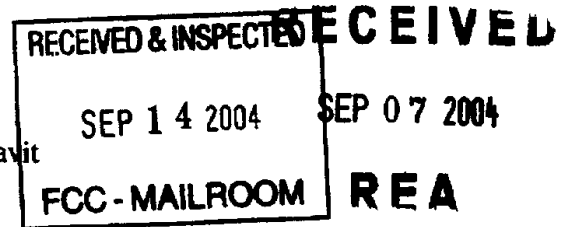
(NOTARY SEAL)

My commission expires: *July 31, 2009*

North Carolina

Surry County

Affidavit



Michael W. Stanley, being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is General Manager for Surry Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Surry Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 2 day of September 2004

SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

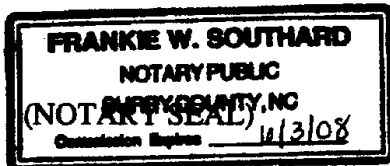
By: Michael W. Stanley
General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

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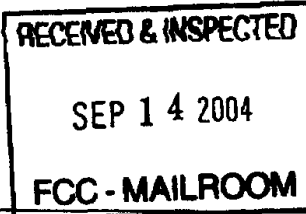
SURRY COUNTY

I, Frankie Southard, a Notary Public hereby certify that Michael W. Stanley, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Surry Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Surry Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 2 day of September, 2004.



Frankie W. Southard
Notary Public

My commission expires:



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P. O. Box 520
Belhaven, North Carolina 27810
252-448-8000

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BEAUFORT COUNTY

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Dennis M. Wallace, Jr., being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is Executive VP and General Manager for Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This 31st day of August 2004

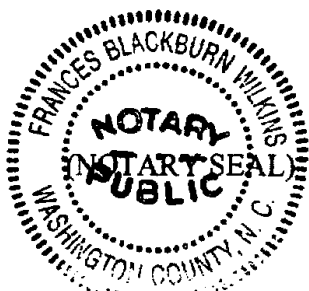
TRI-COUNTY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By: *Dennis M. Wallace, Jr.*
Executive VP & General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

BEAUFORT COUNTY

I, *Frances Blackburn Wilkins*, a Notary Public hereby certify that Dennis M. Wallace, Jr., after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is Executive VP and General Manager of Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 31st day of August 2004.



Frances Blackburn Wilkins
Notary Public

My commission expires July 22, 2008
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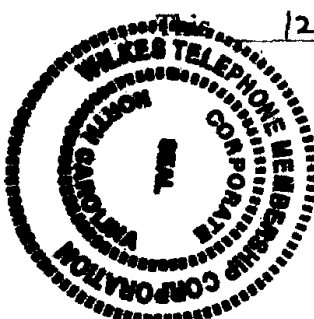
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Wilkes County

C. E. Ritenour, Jr., being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is General Manager for Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

12th day of August, 2004.



WILKES TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

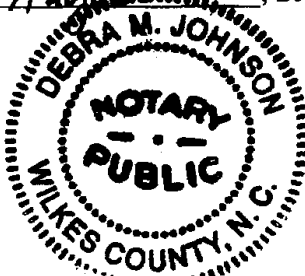
By: C. E. Ritenour, Jr.
C. E. Ritenour, Jr. General Manager

NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

WILKES COUNTY

I, Debra M. Johnson, Notary Public hereby certify that C. E. Ritenour, Jr., after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of August, 2004.



Debra M. Johnson
Notary Public

My commission expires: 7-9-2005

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Yadkin County

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Jeffrie A. Adams, being duly sworn, does depose and say that:

1. He is General Manager for Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation, a North Carolina Telephone Membership Corporation and that he is authorized to sign this affidavit on behalf of the company.
2. He is familiar with the federal high cost support to be received by Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation during the next calendar year and that such federal high cost support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

This the 16TH day of August 2004

YADKIN VALLEY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

By: [Signature]
General Manager

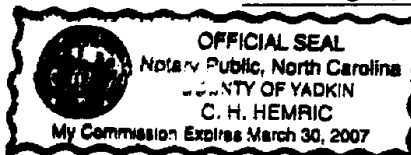
NORTH CAROLINA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

YADKIN COUNTY

I, C.H. Hemric, a Notary Public hereby certify that Jeffrie A. Adams, after being duly sworn, personally appeared before me and stated that he is General Manager of Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation, and that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true and that he is authorized to execute the affidavit on behalf of Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership Corporation. Witness my hand and seal this the 16th day of August 2004.

(NOTARY SEAL)



C. H. Hemric
Notary Public

My commission expires: March 30, 2007